## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
HIDEHIKO FUJIMURA, ET AL.	: Examiner: K. Ramsey
,	: Group Art Unit: 2879
Application No.: 09/309,766	)
Filed: May 11, 1999	· )
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING AIRTIGHT VESSEL AND IMAGE- FORMING APPARATUS USING AIRTIGHT VESSEL	G ) October 16, 2003 : ) :

## **VIA HAND CARRY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: